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Hi Mahri,

Happy New Year to you! Hope you enjoyed the holidays!

I have a meeting with managers tomorrow morning to discuss the ARE travel funding for the Donlin Gold Project. Given our current budget situation, I am not certain how much, if any, travel funds will be provided to the Donlin Team to attend the Scoping meetings and/or to conduct a Tribal Mining Training in the YK region this Spring. Since EPA is not the lead agency on this project, our managers may decide that the ARE travel funding priority may be lower. We will see what happens.

In regards to the Scoping comments, since the Corps is the lead on this EIS, it is the lead agency's role to provide Tribes with a briefing on the Donlin Project, which the Corps plans to do at the Scoping meetings and during G2G consultations. EPA is a Cooperating Agency on this project, and we are here to assist the Corps in the development of the EIS. We should encourage the Tribes to work directly with the Corps on the Donlin Project. We will be providing our scoping comments directly to the Corps. The Tribes should also provide their comments directly to the Corps.

I apologize if the ball got dropped. Since I am not familiar with which TCs cover which geographic areas of the State, I asked Tami if should would coordinate with the TCs who's tribes would be affected by the Donlin Project. I will continue to coordinate with Tami to provide updates to the TCs. I hope this is workable with the TCs.

I am working at home today, but if you would like to discuss this further, please drop by tomorrow. Thanks!

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I just came across Georgetown's environmental blog and see that comments are due on the EIS by March 29, 2013.

How come no one here in TTAU was notified? Will we have a briefing soon or any info. to share with Tribes? At the very least, I think the PO's should be aware of this and kept in the loop. Feels like the ball got dropped.

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